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Promoting Jobs on Startup Day



(Rep. Hultgren visits NIU-Naperville for Startup Day Across America)

Jobs remain my top priority in Congress, and I was proud this year to co-lead [Startup Day Across America](#). This celebration connects my colleagues with our local startups so we can learn about the challenges new companies face and meet the business leaders building the future.

I visited **NIU-Naperville** and engaged in a roundtable discussion with students, professors and others on NIU's regional efforts to support the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem of northern Illinois. Participants included representatives of the NIU-IDEAL Industries intrapreneurship program (internship + entrepreneurship) in Sycamore, NIU's EIGERlab in Rockford, and the Social Entrepreneurship program at NIU's College of Business in DeKalb. We then toured the DuPage County incubator, Rev3.

[Click here to read the Daily Herald story on our discussion.](#)

In and Around the District

We're stronger when our communities and law enforcement know and trust each other. **National Night Out** is an annual community event devoted to promoted these important relationships. At ours in Kendall County I met with our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to protect our neighborhoods. I'm proud of our 14th District law enforcement officers, including Kendall County Sheriff Baird. These officers have done a great job staying closely connected to our communities every day of the year.



(Rep. Hultgren with with Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird at National Night Out)

Our local service clubs are staples in the 14th District, serving our communities and improving the places where we live every day. The **Geneva Lions Club** is no exception, and I enjoyed discussing jobs, healthcare, spending and other important issues.



(Rep. Hultgren meets with members of the Geneva Lions Club)

The **Sugar Grove Corn Boil** is celebrating 50 years of service. This volunteer-run annual summer festival brings residents together to raise funds for local organizations doing good work in the community. This year the corn boil is focused on helping families and organizations addressing autism.

I joined in on the celebration and entered a statement into the Congressional Record in recognition of their many years of service to the 14th District. [Click here to read my full statement in the Congressional Record.](#)



(Rep. Hultgren with Village President P. Sean Michels and Trustee David Paluch)

NASA Reports on Engaging Girls in STEM



(Photo: NASA)

Setting students on a STEM trajectory changes their life and our nation's for the better. One of the most valuable tools to serve underrepresented groups has been NASA mentorship programs. That's why I cosponsored, Congress passed and the President signed into law the **INSPIRE Women Act**. Among other actions, the legislation mandated **the following NASA report** which lays out how the agency is continuing to engage girls to increase their STEM activities.

We must do our best to ensure that all girls and all boys are given the same opportunity to be inspired. I look forward to the day when we all will share in the innovations and technologies they create.

[Click here to read the NASA report.](#)

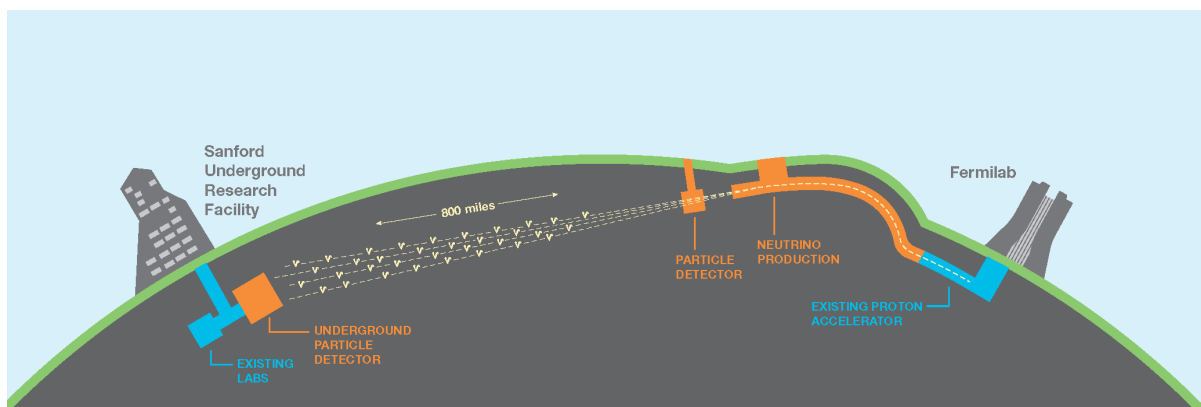
Speaking of girls in STEM, I was impressed and inspired by all of the teams competing at the FIRST Global robotics competition in Washington, D.C., including the all-girls team from Afghanistan. I am pleased the State Department and White House [acted quickly](#)

to approve their visas so they could compete in this STEM competition. Bumping into FIRST founder and Segway inventor Dean Kamen again was an added bonus!



(Rep. Hultgren with members of the Afghan FIRST Global robotics team)

Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) Breaks Ground in South Dakota



Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory attracts top talent, employing nearly 2,000 in Illinois and providing a strong economic

engine in our state. I was thrilled to attend the groundbreaking of its partner in the international Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE), the **South Dakota-based Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)**. This experiment into the smallest particles of our universe—shot 800 miles from Illinois through the earth to South Dakota—once again puts the United States in a leadership position on the world stage, attracting scientists from around the globe.



(Photo: Fermilab)

We can only guess what breathtaking discoveries will be made, and I'm proud to see Fermilab continuing to serve as a hub of the international scientific community. It's why [I continue to support robust funding for Fermilab](#) and our national labs.

My Take on the Senate's Vote on Health Care

I am very disappointed that the Senate didn't stay at the table to find a way forward to bring down skyrocketing premiums and address the failing ACA system. The healthcare status quo is unacceptable—doing nothing is not an option.

Illinois' ACA health exchanges provide substandard care at outrageous prices for residents without employer-sponsored coverage. Families in my district on the ACA exchange will be

offered one choice for their insurance next year if nothing changes. In the coming weeks we'll get a glimpse of what this true insurance monopoly will mean for those who can't afford any more premium increases. These facts can't be ignored. Further, Medicaid must be restored to its original mandate to provide a safety net to the truly needy.

I urge the Senate to take up health reform again. Illinois individuals and families can't wait.

Legislative Update

- **I supported legislation, which President Trump signed into law this week, tightening existing sanctions on Russia** and putting Congress in control should they be removed. I remain very concerned at how Russia conducts intelligence operations against the United States, and what effects those efforts have had on the country. These sanctions address the ongoing situation in Ukraine and impose new measures, including some in response to Russia's meddling in our elections and others targeting key Russian oligarchs in the railways, shipping, metals and mining industries. They include restrictions on companies doing business with the Russian oil industry.
- As a member of the Party of Lincoln from the Land of Lincoln, I take great pride—and responsibility—in promoting a strong republic where all are equal and engaged in the system that chooses our leaders and promotes a more just society. I support a needed and bipartisan update to the Voting Rights Act to ensure we protect this civil rights legacy for all generations. Read more about [H.R. 3239, the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2017](#), which is supported by civil rights champions including Rep. John Lewis.
- [H.R. 3110, the Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act](#), my bipartisan fix to the Dodd-Frank Act which I mentioned in a previous Hultgren Huddle, passed the Financial Services Committee. I urge support of this legislation, and am hopeful it can move swiftly to the President's desk.

Oswego Pastor Prays for

Congress



(Speaker Ryan, Pastor Scott Poling, Rep. Randy Hultgren)

At the beginning of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin called for the institution of daily prayer during deliberations. This eventually paved the way for the Chaplaincy and prayer before each day of business in the House and Senate, a tradition which remains today.

I was thrilled that an Opening Prayer was delivered last week by Pastor Scott Poling of Harvest New Beginnings Church in Oswego, where my family and I attend.

[Click here to watch Pastor Poling's prayer.](#)

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[Click here to watch my floor remarks thanking him.](#)

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

- [An underground groundbreaking](#) (Symmetry)
- [Diageo's Plainfield Facility Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary](#) (Green Money Journal)
- [Duterte's 'war on drugs' gets mixed reviews in DC](#) (Inquirer.net)
- [Financial Services panel passes four bipartisan bills](#) (The Hill)
- [Flood outlook varies town-to-town as more officials promise help](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Hultgren marks 'Startup Day' with stories of innovation at NIU Naperville](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Oswego Pastor Gives Prayer on U.S. House Floor](#) (WSPY News)
- [U.S. Congress urged to call on Duterte to stop killings](#) (ABS-CBN News)



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